

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Blackham et al.
For: APPARATUS USING
FRAMESTORE
DEMULTIPLEXING

Examiner:
Docket No.: GJ-223J

Serial No.: 09/881,478
Filing Date: June 14, 2001

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Leslie Ruano

PETITION TO ACCORD A FILING DATE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.53

1. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to accord a filing date pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181, 37 CFR §1.53, and MPEP 1001.02(b)(35).
2. On December 20, 2002, Applicants filed a Petition to Accord a Filing Date with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in response to a NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION mailed November 27, 2002.
3. On January 6, 2003, Applicants received a Decision Granting Petition (copy attached hereto as Exhibit A) from the Office of Petitions which granted the Applicants' petition, withdrew the NOTICE mailed on November 27, 2002, and accorded the application a filing date of June 14, 2001.
4. On January 31, 2003, Applicants received a WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUSLY SENT NOTICE (copy attached hereto as Exhibit B) which withdrew the November 27, 2002 NOTICE and enclosed a corrected NOTICE and Filing Receipt (copy attached hereto as Exhibit C).
5. The WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUSLY SENT NOTICE, NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS, and Filing Receipt that were received on January 31, 2003 all list the filing date of the application as December 20, 2002, the date that the Applicants filed the prior Petition.

6. Applicants respectfully assert that the filing date of the subject application should be June 14, 2001, as stated in the Decision Granting Petition (Exhibit A).

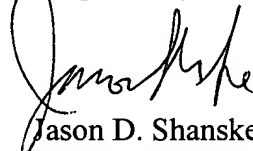
7. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this Petition to Accord a Filing Date and accord a filing date of June 14, 2001, to the subject application.

8. A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed. Since Applicants believe that this failure to accord a filing date was due to a mistake by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office refund the \$130.00 petition fee by crediting Deposit Account No. 09-0002.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my deposit account No. 09-0002.

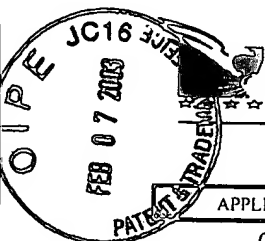
If for any reason this petition is found to be incomplete or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts (781) 890-5678.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Exhibits A-C



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- o The statutory basic filing fee is insufficient.
Applicant must submit \$ 20 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- o To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- o Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - o The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) fig 1, 2, 7, 9.
 - o The drawings must be made on paper that has a white background (see 37 CFR 1.84 (e)). For example, drawings on graph paper, lined paper, or paper that has a non-white background are not acceptable. See Figure(s) fig1 to 9.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$85 for a Small Entity

- o \$20 Statutory basic filing fee.

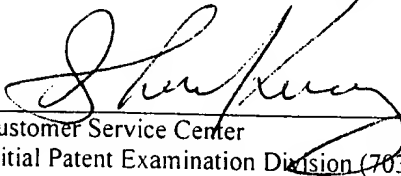
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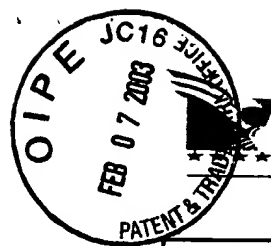
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- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

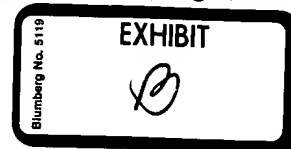
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WITHDRAWAL NOTICE



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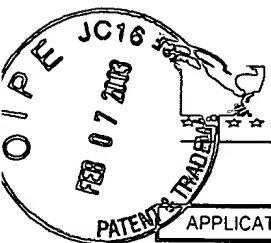
WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUSLY SENT NOTICE

The Notice mailed on 11/27/2002 was sent in error and is hereby withdrawn. A corrected Notice is enclosed. The time period for reply runs from the mail date of the corrected Notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused.

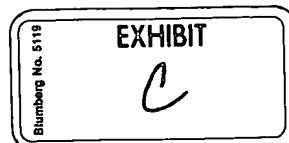
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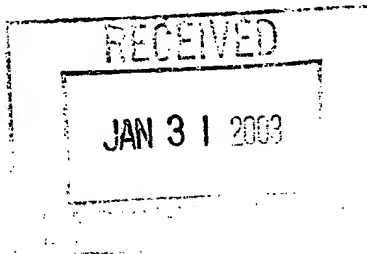
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Title

Apparatus using framestore demultiplexing

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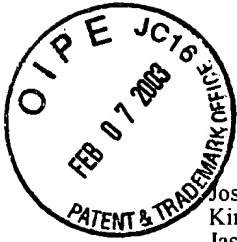
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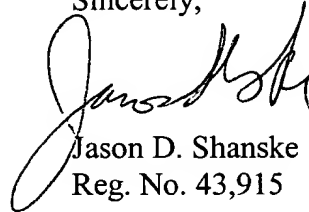
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In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

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Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,



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